

Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones Celebrate Their Diamond Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Saturday. It is the first occasion that any couple in this town or district ever celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

During the day many visitors called to congratulate them. Among them from a distance were their two sons and families; Ralph of Calgary and Sherry of Oda. The long distance telephone calls were many. They came from Kansas City, California, Spokane and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had ten children of whom six are living. A son, Mason lives in Kansas City, Paul and Lou in Arrowwood, Harry at Olds, Ralph and Gaylen in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones came to Gleichen in the early spring of 1900, from Rockport, Missouri and after looking over the country bought a farm south of what later was to become Arrowwood.

He farmed there for twelve years then moved to Gleichen.

Before the railway tracks were laid to Arrowwood spent many days hauling lumber, and after a distance of about 20 miles. He did this until the tracks were laid in 1904.

Arriving in Gleichen Mr. Jones took over the lively barn where the arena now stands and got the contract to hold mail to Arrowwood which he did for several years. He almost lost his life doing this. On his return trip to Gleichen, when he was on the ice, a blinding blizzard sprang up. This blizzard was so blinding that for minutes at a time one could not see the horses and what the driver in town, Mr. Jones, became stuck. The drifting snow stalled the engine.

Fortunately the weather cleared and Mr. Jones realized it was time to get out of the touring car and prepared to sit out the storm. He put some empty mail bags and put his feet into them and covered himself with them. The interior of the car became filled with snow and Mr. Jones there until mid morning next day. A matter of eighteen hours. The police found him just as cheerful and not suffering whatever from frostbites.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are among the many enjoying very good health. When the weather is favorable Mr. and Mrs. Jones do quite a bit of riding.

THREE CHALLENGES

They are over now, these mad deceptions the gay, these mad deceptions the grim depressed thirties, the tragic frantic forties. So we enter the fifties, the decade of what will they bring? We get no reassurance from the past; as 1929 gave birth to 1930, it delivered world wars and a big lie when 1940 succeeded 1939, world war came with it. Now 1949 has given place to 1950.

We have seen ideas divide and control nations and classes. They have set millions of feet marching, millions of hearts burning with anger or freezing fear. A divisive idea, a splitting atom, a divine word—no sense in shouting out to the fact—it is the fact.

Now, in the first days of 1950, many ideas for uniting Europe are being discussed. The challenge is to develop a philosophy, passion and plan so desirable and compelling that they will become common to all.

Forty percent of mankind is unemployed. Yet agricultural experts agree that if the best farming practices were applied everywhere, coupled with schemes of land reclamation, the world could be abundantly increased. But such a program would require adjustments in the life of the advanced nations and a big lie of unity and imagination. Can we find the biggest heart and vision to meet the challenge?

The breach between East and West remains a menace. Neither side can feel secure while the other exists as an ideological opponent. Can we rise to the challenge to apply a God inspired ideology which is universal?

If we are to save our civilization, these are three challenges to which we must make an effective response. There is a cutting edge. Change is the heart of it, moral standards are the strength of it. A full, free life for everyone in a world at peace is the goal of it.

Town & District

Bob Brown's rink lost out in the McDonald Brier competition last week. So now he and his rink have cancelled all plans to go to the coast.

George Desjardine entered a Calgary hospital Monday for medical treatment and expects to be there for about six weeks. He has not been enjoying good health for sometime past.

According to an Old Country news paper received by Fred Morgan of the Bank of Commerce staff, Dan MacDonald, Gleichen's touring curler, met Mr. Morgan's two sisters and was able to give them the latest news of their brother.

The annual meeting of the town ratepayers takes place next Monday February 13th, at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall. All taxpayers should be there and hear what the council has been doing during the last year. The annual school meeting follows immediately after the town meeting.

Wm. Isaac Fleck aged 73 died last Friday afternoon. He was born in Larrie, Ontario and had lived in the many years at Pleasant Creek, Alta. where he followed his trade as an stonemason. He retired about four years ago and for the past few months had made his home here. He is survived by his wife and several children. G. W. Evans shipped the remains to Pinchy Creek for burial at Friday evening's train.

The Gleichen Blackfoot Grade hockey team played in B section of the intermediate playoffs at Medicine Hat last week and were beaten by a 1-0 score and reports said they were completely outclassed in the game in the return game at Gleichen Saturday night the Grads did much better and were again beaten, the score this time was 6-3 for the visitors. The Medicine Hat won the round by 2-0. Grade lineup: Stevens, Maguire, McMaster, Wolf, Doore, McMaster, Young, Foulkley, Weasand, Spry, chief, Big Tobacco, Water Chief, Crawford, McMaster, P. Yellowfly.

We grant that anybody has a pit cut right to a dog whether female or otherwise. But there are certain times when the female should be confined to her owners home or yard and then when savage dog fights take place. It is always some month it might, he can enjoy the yelps and growls and be kept away. These are the times of dogs that are the most and make the growls so mad they feel like shooting the whole bunch. We saw about ten dogs trot into a yard one by one about ten years ago and a bucket in his hand. Suddenly he saw the bunch of dogs behind him and the yell he dropped the bucket and raced for the door of his home with the female dog at his heels and the rest of the dogs behind. Opening the door the boy rushed in and four or five dogs after him, a second later the dogs came out in a hurry and yelping the mother of the boy using a broom and the top of her back accelerated the velocity of the dogs. About 5 minutes later, this same bunch of dogs were several blocks away where there were several children coming up the street bound for school, the dogs started barking, the children yelled, dropped their books and ran better and skelter for safety. Later we heard the dog barking and growl enough in the estimation of some. So the boys got out their trusty shotgun and got busy. Now the town is quiet once more and people can sleep in peace and children are not scared out of their wits.

Strathmore Wins From Gleichen

At Strathmore the Gleichen Gunners played the first playoff game in intermediate hockey. Strathmore won the game with a score of 6-3.

Last night Strathmore defeated Gleichen 2-0. Gleichen is now out of the playoffs.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
Sunday, February 12th.
Morning Prayer 11 noon.
Rev. D. Houghson, (Incumbent.)

Foreign trade gives Canadians one third of their national income.

Ladies Bonselpiel Played During The Past Week

The ladies bonselpiel was run off last week—beginning Wednesday play continued until Friday. It was one of the most enjoyable sports, from every point of view, play as well as the social part, ever staged by the ladies in the various events.

There were 20 rinks entered but one failed to report so 19 rinks actually played. The rinks came from Strathmore, Rockyford, Husan, Cluny, Staveley and Gleichen. Following is a list of the winners in the various events.

Merchants: Peg Brown, Husan 1st; Mrs. Holt, Gleichen 2nd; Mrs. H. Gleichen 3rd; Miss Mathison, Gleichen 4th.

Grand Challenge: Mrs. Loucks, Rockyford, 1st; Mrs. Bennett, Strathmore, 2nd; Mrs. Cam. Brown, Gleichen, 3rd and Mrs. Tom Brown, Gleichen 4th.

Consolation: Mrs. Morton, Strathmore; Mrs. Bremner, Standard, 3rd; Mrs. J. Wilson, Gleichen 4th. Tossup event: Mrs. Orin, Cluny. Thursday evening the ladies staged a social event in the waiting room for the rink. A piano was brought in and music kept the evening warm and in song.

Legion Elect Slate of Officers

At a meeting of the Gleichen Legion on evening last week the annual election of officers took place and the following were elected: President—S. Hampton. 1st vice-president—H. Bogstie. 2nd vice-president—C. Kilgus. Secretary—B. Cowan. Treasurer—Alex. Murray. Sergeant at Arms—B. Burns. Immediately following the election of officers they were installed by Past President K. R. Hunter.

N. Valentine Day

Next Tuesday, February 14th is St. Valentine's Day. In case you didn't know, the entire idea back of Valentine's Day was a mistake, and a good many people today consider it still a mistake.

Perhaps the participants in the well known Chicago St. Valentine's Day episode had a sense of humor after all.

Originally St. Valentine's Day was celebrated as a festival in honor of the 3rd century martyr, St. Valentine. Although no one can say for sure, the traditional giving and sending of love letters was started on February 14th because the ancient figured that was the day the birds took more than a cursory interest in members of the other sex.

How Valentine got involved in the idea nobody knows but the linking up of St. Valentine with the idea of moonlight and roses is too deeply ingrained in everyone's mind for us to start a one man crusade against it.

We are also, at a loss to explain where the tradition of not signing Valentine cards originated. Logically if you send someone a letter of your affection on that day you might as well let her, or him, know it.

More young ladies in grade school have been driven near to the breaking point because of anonymous Valentine cards, professing undying love, than you can shake a stick at.

The girls in my school could always tell mine because they invariably sported large inky thumb prints expressing sentiments, in home made verse, dealing with the joys of rubbing bubble gum in young ladies hair.—Contributed by Lovelorn.

PRESS FREEDOM

Freedom of the press can exist only through mutual conscientious pricking and frequent, healthy exchange of criticism between the press and its public. These two must continue to hammer away at one another, criticizing and being-criticized.

OLDSMOBILE OFFERS NEW 1950 FEATURES



The new 1950 Futuramic Oldsmobile just announced by General Motors is available in either the Series 76 or Series 84—the latter powered by the 135 h.p. high compression Rocket engine teamed with the newly-developed Whiplash Hydra-Matic Drive. Standard Hydra-Matic Drive is an option at extra cost on Series 76 models. The 1950 Oldsmobile also features unannounced exterior appearance, new interior trim design, new colors and sturdier construction—shown here is the Series 76 deluxe four-door Sedan.

each other, to press freedom to live entrusted, for press and public alike. For where would press freedom be without an enlightened public? And how enlightened this public without a free and conscientious press? It is a contract, as binding and holy as any covenant, a partnership of press and public, issuer and audience, the journalist and the man on the street. Each has his share of the responsibility; each is charged with keeping the other in line. They work for the common good, toward a free and unquarrelled press.

But how well have the two fulfilled their shares of this trust? Take the public. From mid-thirties on, a constant flow of news poured into this country from Europe a play-by-play account of Fascism in action. The tragic facts of the Spanish civil war were reported faithfully and in toto, for all to see. Later, with correspondence being tossed right and left out of Berlin and Rome, news services spent more and more money to



Fertilizing Grain Crops

Some Western farmers are of the opinion that our prairie soils do not, and never will, need fertilizer. Of this view, with some reason, commercial fertilizers will eventually ruin the soil. However, the fact is that with our passing year, more and more grain growers in Western Canada are using commercial fertilizers with beneficial results.

Plant Growth Requirements. The essential requirements for the normal growth of plants are sunlight, air, moisture, temperature and plant food. Of these things, sunlight is the one growth factor over which farmers exercise a measure of control. To maintain the basic plant foods (Phosphorus, Nitrogen and Potash) at a satisfactory level in our prairie soils, effective use can and should be made of commercial fertilizers. The results of extensive fertilizer trials in Western Canada have shown that profitable increases in yield result from the application of phosphate fertilizers. Nitrogen is of secondary importance, except in the grey-wooded soils, or where heavy stubble or crop residues are present. In the more humid regions, the application of 25 lbs. of 14-8-0 fertilizer usually results in an increase in yield of about 6 bushels, with an increase of 7 to 8 bushels per acre can be expected with 50 lbs. of 14-8-0 are applied.

The proper use of commercial fertilizer results not only in higher yields, but in better weed control, reduced root rot damage, and earlier and more uniform ripening of grain. It should be clearly understood, however, that large quantities of fertilizer do not insure guarantee of high yield. The plain fact is that, in order to get the most out of fertilizer, it must be made of crop rotations, which include grasses and legumes, good cultural practices, and the use of commercial fertilizers. In the future, however, fertilizers will play an increasingly vital part in the effective management of our prairie soils.

The Great Lakes have no tides but water travels vary with heavy rains or strong winds.

Twenty percent of the Canadian dollar Britain earns today comes from the shipping of textiles to this country.

Weak, Tired, Nervous, Peppless Men, Women

Get Your Vim, Vigor, Vitality

Get your vim, vigor, vitality by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. This is the only medicine that builds up the blood, and the blood is the life of the body. It is the only medicine that builds up the system, and the system is the life of the mind. It is the only medicine that builds up the nerves, and the nerves are the life of the soul. It is the only medicine that builds up the body, and the body is the life of the spirit. It is the only medicine that builds up the mind, and the mind is the life of the intellect. It is the only medicine that builds up the soul, and the soul is the life of the conscience. It is the only medicine that builds up the spirit, and the spirit is the life of the heart. It is the only medicine that builds up the intellect, and the intellect is the life of the brain. It is the only medicine that builds up the conscience, and the conscience is the life of the moral sense. 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PRESS FREEDOM

warn the rest of the world of Hitlerism. And to what avail? They were ignored.

Now take the press. One long-standing abuse has been ownership and editorial bias spread through-

out the news columns, twisting or omitting facts at its convenience. It is evident that both press and public have defaulted in their obligations to press freedom. If they permit this to go on, they will bring misfortune on themselves. For the press and public occupy the same boat. If there is a leak in the bow, there is little

time to argue as to who's responsible for that end of the boat. Both must pitch in and bail like mad if they are to keep press freedom afloat and themselves from drowning.

Above all others this one fact stand out. A gap widens between press and public, a gap which can do irreparable harm to press freedom. Though the public play a vital part in this, the burden of responsibility for lessening the gap lies with the press, and the press must take the initiative to close it. One place it shows strongly in the different interpretations each has of freedom of the press. To the press too often this principle means merely freedom to publish, without governmental or other external interference, without fear of intimidation or domination from the outside. Nevertheless it would surprise some to discover that it's greater threat to real press freedom besides within their walls, not without.

For the public the man in the street freedom of the press means much more than this. It means that he should be able to read a newspaper with the complete confidence that what he's reading is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but. However, when he looks at a newspaper and sees it deliberately slanting the news toward its oft shouted policies; when he learns that news of the other side is kept out of the paper—he knows it isn't, as far as he is concerned a free press. Publishers realize the freedom of the press is not their personal property. As an inseparable part of that whole structure called democracy, freedom of the press is common property, not a tool of special interest, not a separate cash drawer in the journalist's till, not a personal convenience for opinionated or money minded publishers.

Notice of The Annual Town and School Meetings

Public notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Town of Gleichen will be held in the Community Hall, Gleichen, on Monday, the 13th day of February, 1950, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Mayor, Secretary-Treasurer and chairmen of the various committees of the council for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Dated at Gleichen this 1st day of February, 1950.

The annual meeting of the Gleichen S.D. No. 108 will be held immediately at the close of the town meeting.

A. HORN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

HERE AND THERE

It does not pay to get mad—at least so mad you have to punch something no matter what it is. An Indian let his fast fly Saturday afternoon and immediately found himself on the brink of eternity. He took a punch at the glass front of the music box in Jack Fontaine's restaurant. His fist smashed the glass to pieces but the jagged glass cut the palm of his hand, cut his wrist and opened an artery there and at the elbow cut deeply into the flesh. Blood spurting from the cut, the Indian did not seem to realize that his life was now in danger. He walked up the street for a block and a half to the pool room with blood pouring from he wound on to the sidewalk. At the pool room white men were tried to stop the bleeding but were not very successful. The Indian left and near the drug store almost passed out. He was taken in there and received treatment and Dr. Stoppel called who took him to the Indian hospital. It required 30 stitches to close the wounds and reports are that it was necessary to give the Indian a blood transfusion. The music box suffered damage to the extent of \$6 and Jack is as mad as a wet hen, about the damaged machine.

In spite of continued warning, too many accidents still occur as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. Warning up cars, trucks or tractors inside a closed building, or opening the door too little to allow sufficient air circulation is asking for trouble. C. A. Gushire, extension agricultural engineer, also advises a periodic check of exhaust pipe and muffler. From leaks in the exhaust pipe or muffler, gases may escape into the cab of the truck or body of the car with drastic results. This condition is most dangerous when the vehicle is standing

still with the engine running. Tractor accidents took even greater toll of life in 1949 than did carbon monoxide poisoning. Increased road speed and decreased rolling resistance have a bearing on this. With modern high speed tractor, many operators rely to a large extent on individual wheel steering to assist in steering. This tends to tip the tractor and should be avoided unless absolutely necessary. Decreased rolling resistance of the modern tractor makes it particularly dangerous to hit: to an implement on an uphill grade. Apply the brake or use a block. Unless this is done the tractor may roll back and result in dead or maimed operator.

RURAL RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

From January to the middle of April, the Blood Donor Service of the Canadian Red Cross Society at Southern Alberta is maintained by the Society's Calgary branch.

From April until the end of November, the service will be on the country towns and their districts to obtain the donors for this vital service. In the last year the needs of the Blood Transfusion Service have increased from 1000 to 1300 donors a month. To supply this amount of blood and plasma to the hospitals, your complete co-operation is needed.

During 1949 approximately 15,000 bottles were collected and used by the people of Southern Alberta. This free blood transfusion service has been the means of saving hundreds of sick and injured, has helped prevent innumerable deaths and all at saving of over \$4,000,000 to these communities.

The support and interest that has been shown by the people of Alberta is appreciated. As a donor, this is your service to the people in your community and the Red Cross acts as the medium through which your gift is made available to those in need.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSE FOR SALE—In Gleichen. Best offer over \$2,500. Ray Kennedy.

HOUSE FOR SALE—If you want to buy the Trago home for cash or on monthly installments write W. D. Trago, 330 2nd Ave. East, Calgary or call on him.

RIFLES AT WHOLESALE PRICES
308 Lee Enfield Converted Sporting Models; high power precision repeaters; 10 shot detachable magazines; barrel up to 30 inches; excellent condition; guaranteed; \$27.50 each. Also unconverted Military Models in good condition; \$27.50 each. Will ship C.O.D. Write Sportsman's Wholesale Supply, 209 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal 25, Quebec.

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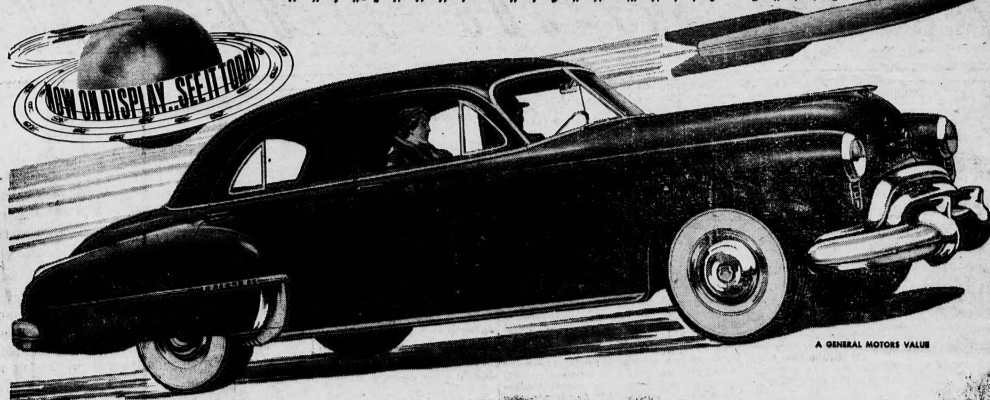
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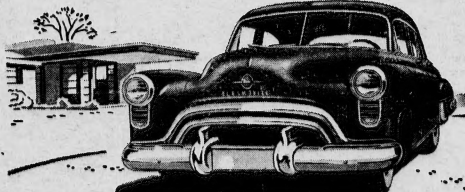
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